

Three children were killed by automobiles in Manhattan yesterday. John Kiernan, six years old, of East Thirty-sixth Street, was crushed to death by an automobile truck early last night while playing in front of his home. The truck was operated by Anne Harkin, twenty-one years old, 525 East Eighty-third Street. He was arrested on a technical charge of homicide.

Mollie Sahin, five years old, of 77 Essex Street, was killed when struck by an automobile while crossing Grand Street, between Essex and Ludlow streets, Max Handler, a wholesale furniture dealer, of 444 Riverside Avenue, driver of the machine, was located at the Clinton Street police station.

Louis Deuness, eleven years old, of 229 East Eighth Street, was killed by an automobile at Avenue and Eighth Street early yesterday afternoon. Arthur Trotter, of 276 Monroe Street, driver of the car, was arrested.

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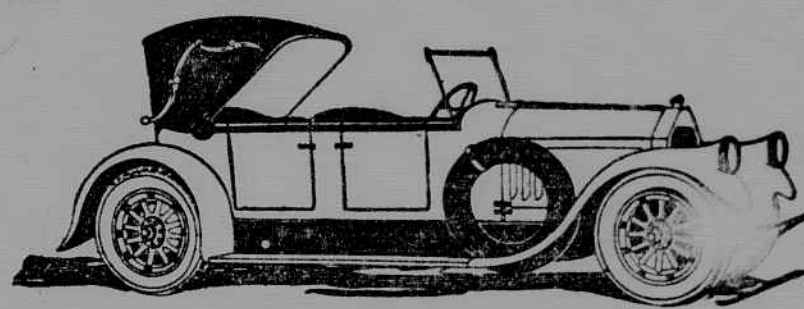
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Woman Passed At Island Said To Have Typhus

Hungarian Immigrant Develops Symptoms of Disease After Being Permitted to Go On to Massena

Ship Concerns to Help Delousing Plant on Hoffman Island at Once

Mrs. Andrew Nerr, thirty-eight years old, a Hungarian immigrant, who arrived in New York from Rotterdam February 6, is suffering from typhus at her home at Massena, N.Y., according to dispatches received last night from Watertown.

Mrs. Nerr was taken to Ellis Island upon her arrival and soon afterward was permitted to proceed to Massena. She has been ill since reaching her home and physicians are convinced that she is a victim of typhus. Blood tests are being made at the State Health Department at Albany to confirm the diagnosis. State health officials and physicians at Watertown will confer on the case to-day. Drastic measures have been taken to prevent contagion.

Mrs. Nerr sailed from Rotterdam January 28.

Ship Concerns to Build Plant. The International Mercantile Marine Company yesterday cancelled its offer of the steamship Minnesota for use in delousing vermin-infested immigrants at the port quarantine station. Passage by Congress of the 3 per cent alien immigration bill prompted the step. As a substitute measure and one which Dr. Leland E. Cofer, port health officer, feels is a better move, the I. M. M. and other steamship companies composing the International Steamship Conference agreed to erect a delousing plant on Hoffman Island as a permanent feature if the lines co-operate with the public health authorities. Its completion is expected within the present month.

Coincident with announcement of the change in the plan of the steamship lines to aid in the work of combating typhus and other dangerous diseases brought to American shores by Europeans, Dr. Cofer said he expected to have the port clear of typhus suspects within the next two weeks. This is possible, he said, provided health authorities and inspectors abroad succeed in carrying out the recent emergency regulations prescribed for the embarkation of immigrants and the sailing of ships from infested ports.

Hope to Clear Port Soon.

"We have begun to see our way out of the congestion resulting from the arrival here of shiploads of immigrants, on unclear immigrants," Port Health Officer Cofer said. "If we don't get another vermin-infested ship in the next few days we will be clear in twelve or fourteen days. Seven hundred of the Calabrian passengers were put through a delousing to-day, and after discharging the last of the Providence's complement to-morrow we will start at once on the work of disinfecting the San Giulio's passengers. The delousing plant which the steamship lines are going to erect for us will be ready in a month and this will be a great help, although that in itself cannot solve the problem of quarantine congestion."

That the health authorities, Federal, State and local, have not given up hope of an appropriation sufficient to prevent all danger of a typhus, cholera or other disease invasion of the country was attested in the action of the conference held in Washington last Saturday.

Elusive Gunman Kills Italian Feud Arbitrator

Dissatisfied Disputant Believed to Have Taken Revenge by Assassination in Street

Joseph Granatelli, forty-six years old, of 225 Chrystie Street, well known in the Italian quarter of the city and to the police as "The Peacemaker," was shot and killed a few dozen feet from his home by an unidentified assailant shortly after midnight last night.

Granatelli, who ran a poolroom at 219 Chrystie Street, closed the poolroom at midnight last night and walked down the street to his home. According to witnesses, as Granatelli passed 187 Chrystie Street two shots were fired. Granatelli fell, and when the nearest witness reached him he was dead.

Police summoned from the Fifth Street station took ten persons to the police station, where they were examined by detectives from the Italian squad. No description of Granatelli's assailant was obtained. Shortly after the shooting a double-barrelled, sawed-off shotgun was found in a blind alley.

According to detectives of the Fifth Street station, Granatelli was widely known as an arbitrator in Italian feuds. The police believe that a party to a recent feud was not satisfied and sought vengeance.

40 Columbia Sophs Miss Dinner at Freshies' Behest

200 Lower Classmen Take Them Prisoner in Subway Coup d'Etat

Only the strong and the fleet among the sophomore class of Columbia University attended their annual dinner. The others, more than forty in number, were the unwilling guests of the freshmen class, who surprised the party at the Mott Avenue station of the subway at 14th Street and the Bronx, and detained them until it was too late to attend the dinner.

The freshmen, 200 strong, who learned several days ago where and when the sophomores were to hold their dinner, congregated at a hall at Walton Avenue and 149th Street early last night. When they learned from scouts that the sophomore class was in the subway station they hurried there.

In the fight that followed the freshmen captured forty of the sophomores. With these the freshmen succeeded in making their escape, pursued by patrolmen from the Morrisania Avenue station.

The forty captive sophomores were taken to Grand Central station, where they were tied with ropes at a street entrance. Two hours later the sophomores were released by patrolmen. They returned to the university.

Grand Jury Finds Craig Charges Unsubstantiated

Reports No Evidence to Stow Irregular Letting of Contracts in Queens

The Queens County Grand Jury, which was charged to investigate statements attributed to Comptroller Craig that there were irregularities in the letting of contracts in Queens, reported yesterday to County Judge Humphrey in Long Island City that it had found no evidence even to warrant an investigation of such a charge.

It was set forth in the presentment that Comptroller Craig had made no answer to a letter from District Attorney Dana Wallace of Queens County asking him to submit any evidence in his possession bearing upon alleged collusion in bidding.

"The statement of the grand jury is all right, so far as it goes," was the comment of Borough President Connolly of Queens. "However, I am sorry that the grand jury did not subpoena Comptroller Craig and have him testify. I think that this should have been done in the interests of the taxpayers. That is what I requested to be done."

Nurse Denies Selecting Drug For Her Cousin

Mrs. Lattimer Says Her Father Prescribed Medicine Alleged To Be Chloral Hydrate for Patient

Parent Contradicts Story Prisoner Hires Lawyer as Grand Jury Inquiry Is Arranged at Syracuse

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Alice T. Lattimer, the nurse arrested in New York Sunday night in connection with charges made by her cousin and patient, Mrs. Ruth Crawford, today denied responsibility for administering medicine containing chloral hydrate to Mrs. Crawford. She said the medicine had been prescribed by her father, Dr. William D. Townsley.

Mrs. Lattimer was arrested in New York on board the steamer Arapahoe when she returned from Jacksonville, Fla. This was after the police here had found Mrs. Crawford, who is sixty-eight years old, strapped in bed at her home and after chemical analysis had revealed poison in a bottle found in the room. Attendant nurses said they had given Mrs. Crawford some of the contents of this bottle at Mrs. Lattimer's direction.

Dr. Townsley to-night said that he had not prescribed for Mrs. Crawford for a year and a half and that Mrs. Lattimer had been in complete charge of the case in the time for more than six years, he said. Mrs. Crawford was a patient in the doctor's home and during part of that time, he said, he knew nothing of what was going on in her room. He said he did not recall ever prescribing chloral hydrate for Mrs. Crawford. This was used some times for quieting hysterical persons, he explained, and he admitted that his daughter had told him on occasions that Mrs. Crawford was in that condition.

No charge has been preferred against Mrs. Lattimer by the police or District Attorney Malpass and no decision has been reached whether they will oppose her effort to obtain her freedom on \$5,000 bail. Mrs. Lattimer has engaged an attorney.

May Question Mrs. Crawford

The District Attorney will have Mrs. Crawford examined, both mentally and physically, and if she is able to appear will take her before the grand jury to repeat her charges of being strapped in bed and having her feet tied to the bed posts. Because no definite crime has been charged, it is probable the grand jury will take up the matter as a John Doe inquiry, leaving it to the jury whether a crime has been committed and what persons are involved.

Mrs. Lattimer was taken direct to Police Headquarters when her train arrived here and was questioned by Chief of Police Cadin.

It was during this conference that Mrs. Lattimer, according to Chief Cadin, said that her father had prescribed the chloral hydrate for Mrs. Crawford.

Judge William S. Farmer, of the Municipal Court, is expected to be called as a witness in the case because he conducted the trial last year of a suit brought by Dr. Townsley against Mrs. Crawford for board and care while she was in his home. The suit is said to have caused a break between Dr. Townsley and Mrs. Lattimer, and when the physician was away from home Mrs. Lattimer moved her patient to Mrs. Crawford's own home, next door.

Parent Attempted Suicide

Mrs. Crawford to-day said that two years ago she tried to kill herself by tying the straps around her neck, but was unable to pull them tight enough.

"My suffering was unbearable," she declared. "I used to beg her [Mrs. Lattimer] to give me a pill to put me out of my misery."

"When I turned over my money and property to Alice she said she would take care of me as long as I lived. I told her to take it and be happy and to leave me alone. I haven't any clothes. If I were able to leave my bed to-day I should have nothing to wear. All the money I have in the world is one penny. Since Alice began taking care of me I have had three new night gowns."

Accused Bandit Put on Trial At the Bedside of His Victim

Court Transferred to Home of Aged Man Who Was So Severely Beaten It Was Feared He Might Die Before Giving His Testimony

Judge Louis Gibbs, of the Bronx County Court, yesterday moved his entire court, the prisoner at bar, officials, Assistant District Attorney Chapman and police officers to the home of Paolo Lamatto, 533 Tinton Avenue, the Bronx, when Lamatto was declared too ill to attend court as principal witness against John Meyer, 4470 Park Avenue, on trial for robbery in the first degree.

Five automobiles were used to carry the witnesses, officials and court paraphernalia, and court was reconvened at Lamatto's bedside. The witness testified that he had been held up at the point of a revolver by four men on the morning of March 19, 1920, at the plant of the Metropolitan Tobacco Company, 4583 Park Avenue, where he was employed as watchman. Lamatto said the men threw a blanket over his head, tied him and threw him in a corner while they opened the office safe and stole \$3,200 in cash and Liberty bonds. Lamatto, who is an aged man, told his story through gasps as he sat propped up in bed.

The cause of the unusual departure by Judge Gibbs was Lamatto's precarious physical condition. This was reported to the court as such that he might not live to testify against Meyer unless his testimony could be taken promptly.

There was a dramatic scene as the attorneys and court officers gathered about Lamatto's bed. Meyer, the prisoner, was seated in a chair on one side of the bed and Judge Gibbs on the other. Assistant District Attorney Chapman questioned Lamatto from the foot of the bed. Lamatto pointed a shaking finger at Meyer as one of the robbers. The prisoner denied that he was present at the hold-up, and Lamatto became excited by the proximity of his former assailant. A physician in attendance urged that the examination be made as brief as possible.

Lamatto's testimony occupied some thing over an hour owing to the weakness of the witness. The old man has been bedridden for several months, his condition being held partly due to the violence he suffered on the night of the robbery.

William Buckner, manager of the tobacco company, resumed his testimony after the expedition had returned to the courthouse.

Mr. Buckner swore that the \$3,200 stolen from the safe had been his personal property, deposited overnight for safekeeping.

Meyer, who pleaded insanity at the opening of the case and had been declared sane by a commission appointed by the court to examine him, smiled throughout the hearing and insisted that the witnesses were "all wrong."

The Whitman investigation of alleged irregularities in the letting of city piers continued yesterday.

William Chivers, assisting ex-Governor Whitman in his municipal investigation, questioned several steamship men connected with companies that are alleged to have had contracts for various Manhattan piers obtained only through political influence.

Mr. Whitman interrogated several officials of steamship companies that have passed out of existence during the last six months.

The check for \$20,000 which had been sent to Mr. Whitman by Edward Hatch Jr. to be used in defraying expenses of the Whitman investigation, and which was returned to Mr. Hatch by the ex-Governor because he found that he had sufficient funds without it, again found its way into his hands yesterday. Mr. Hatch returned it to him with a request that it be distributed equally among several institutions that he named in his letter.

These institutions are Dr. Fischer's Sanatorium, the Columbus Hill Day Nursery, the Placing-out Department of the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital, the Alice Chapin Adoption Nursery, the Brooklyn Nursery and Child's Hospital, St. John's Guild and the Greene, Englewood, N. J.

Mr. Hatch suggested that Miss Mary Arnold, executive secretary of the Battered Women's Association, be asked to make the distribution. Mr. Hatch, in his letter to Mr. Whitman, said that he had donated the money for a public good and wanted it to be used for public good in one way or another.

In connection with his return of the check to Mr. Hatch upon learning that funds for the grand jury investigation would be forthcoming from other sources, Mr. Whitman said:

"I wish to express publicly to Mr. Hatch my appreciation of his interest in the work undertaken by the grand jury."

Liquor Is Water; \$5,000 Out; Three Under Arrest

Contractor Says He Bought Three Barrels After Sampling the "Contents"

Robert Rockwood, thirty-two years old; John Baldwin, thirty-one, and James Jenkins, thirty-one, all living at the Lucerne Hotel, 201 East Seventy-ninth Street, were arrested late last night on complaint of Joseph Lath, a contractor, living at the Woodstock Hotel, charged with grand larceny.

Two weeks ago Lath entered into negotiations with the three men, he told the police, for purchase of five barrels of whiskey. After sampling the liquor through a tube, he says he paid \$5,000 for the consignment and had it delivered at a warehouse, where later investigation proved that he had bought five barrels of water, none too fresh.

At the time of the sale the men are alleged to have been living in a hotel in the vicinity of Fifty-ninth Street and Broadway, but they are said to have moved several times since.

Three Jersey Bandits Given 50 to 75 Yrs.

Men Who Held Up Trolley Cars Plead Guilty and Begin Long Sentences 82 Hours After Arrest

One in Court on Stretcher

Judge Tells Them Highway Robbery Is Antiquated, Then Gives Limit Terms

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 28.—John and Charles Krebs and Martin Shannon, the highwaymen, who have been terrorizing Union County for three months and have admitted participation in a score of robberies, were sentenced to from fifty to seventy-five years each in prison here to-day in the Union County Court of Common Pleas.

Sentence was imposed early in the afternoon by Judge Carleton B. Pierce. It was about eighty-two hours since the highwaymen, trailed by blood lust by Charles Krebs, were arrested after an attempt to hold up a trolley car near Hillside, where he was frustrated when Carl Schmidlin, a passenger, opened fire on them with a revolver.

Charles Krebs was carried into court on a stretcher. He is a patient in the Elizabeth General Hospital, and the physicians attending him have not yet removed the bullet which shattered his jaw when he called on the trolley car passengers to "put 'em up." The three men took their punishment without so much as blinking, and before 2:30 Shannon and John Krebs were on their way to the state's prison at Trenton.

"You have gone back into history 100 years to commit your crimes," said Judge Pierce in imposing sentence. "The days of the highwaymen have passed. In these times of quick communication early arrest is certain. The wonder is that you escaped so long. It was foolish not to see this. Others will be foolish if they fail to see it."

"The law denies citizens the right to carry firearms in self-defense. I think that the maximum punishment should be imposed. The sentence of this court is that on each of the five allegations you and each of you are charged in the state's prison at Trenton for not less than ten nor more than fifteen years, the terms to run consecutively and not concurrently."

The prisoners were sentenced to holding up a one-man trolley car near Springfield, N. J., December 17; holding up two similar cars near Summit, N. J., January 25; holding up six motorbuses in Clark Township January 29; holding up seventeen occupants of three automobiles near the Baltusrol Golf Club February 5, and holding up three motorbuses in East Rahway, N. J., February 12.

Other hold-ups were included in the same confession which they made before Judge H. H. Hatfield and attorneys for these offenses was detailed.

Captors of Car Bandits Divide \$1,500 Reward

Special Deputy Sheriff and Police Chief to Share Cash Offered by Jersey Townsmen

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 28.—Rewards aggregating more than \$1,500 for the capture of highwaymen who have been terrorizing Union County since last December are to be divided as a result of the capture, Saturday morning, of Charles and John Krebs and Martin Shannon, the three men who were taken after their attempt to hold up a Morris County Traction Company car near Hillside shortly after midnight, Friday.

A reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the bandits was offered by the Freeholders of Union County. A reward of \$1,000 was raised by subscription by the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. The \$500 reward probably will be divided between Carl Schmidlin, the special deputy sheriff whose shot wounded Charles Krebs, and Police Chief Hatfield, who directed the men from the scene of the attempted hold-up to a shanty in Kenilworth, where they were captured. Recommendation to this effect will be made to the Board of Freeholders by County Prosecutor Hatfield. The Chamber of Commerce probably will be guided by the action of the board in dividing its reward.

Court Sets Aside Gouled's Conviction for Conspiracy

Washington, Feb. 28.—Conviction in New York of Felix Gouled for conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with contracts for army clothing and equipment was, in effect, set aside to-day by the Supreme Court.

The court held that papers in Gouled's office which were seized by government agents without a search warrant should not have been used against him as evidence and that the verdict should be reversed on the ground that this seizure violated the Fourth Amendment.

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